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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER-DESIGNATE KEUKY LIM'S VISIT TO SOUTH-
EAST ASIAN CAPITALS

REF: USUN 778 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTER ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
CHARGED WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN MINISTER-DESIGNATE
KEUKY LIM DEPARTED PHNOM PENH THIS MORNING FOR AN OFFICIAL
TRIP TO SIX SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES WHERE HE HOPES TO
SOLIDIFY THE GKR'S REGIONAL BASE, AND TO STRENGTHEN GKR DIP-
LOMATIC DEFENSES FOR A POSSIBLE CHALLENGE TO ITS CREDENTIALS AT
THE APRIL UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND AN ALMOST CERTAIN CHALLENGE

AT THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER.

2. WE EXPECT THAT KEUKY LIM WILL ATTEMPT TO ELICIT THE
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SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTS IN ADDRESSEE CAPITALS IN DISCOUR-

AGING ANY CHALLENGE TO GKR CREDENTIALS IN UN, ECAFE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. HIS DISCUSSIONS ARE DESIGNED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE AN AUTHORITATIVE POLICY BASIS FOR ON-GOING CLOSE COLLABORATION ON THIS MATTER BETWEEN THE GKR UNITED NATIONS DELEGATIONS AND THE UN DELEGATIONS OF SOME OF THE COUNTRIES HE WILL BE VISITING, NOTABLY INDONESIA, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS RENDERING KEUKY LIM APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE SHOULD HE CONTACT THEM.

3. DESPITE HIS CURRENT AMBIGUOUS TITLE, KEUKY LIM IS IN FACT THE GKR FOREIGN MINISTER AND A DECREE GIVING HIM THIS TITLE IS TO BE ISSUED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS. HE IS 42 YEARS OF AGE, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND WAS EDUCATED IN THE UNITED STATES. ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE TRIP IS FORMER KHMER ARMED FORCES CHIEF-OF-STAFF MAJGEN SAT SUTSAKAN, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS NOU HAK, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES THACH PHEAM.

4. KEUKY LIM'S INTINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS: VIENTIANE MARCH 19-21; BANGKOK MARCH 21-23; JAKARTA MARCH 23-25; KUALA LUMPURNDARCH 25-27; SINGAPORE MARCH 27-30; MANILA MARCH 30-APRIL 2; BANGKOK APRIL 2-3; RETURN TO PHNOM PENH APRIL 3. IF NECESSARY, HE MAY BRIEFLY INTERRUPT HIS TRIP NEAR THE END OF MARCH AND RETURN TO PHNOM PENH FOR CONSULTATIONS ON GKR STRATEGY AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE GKR DELEGATION AT THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.

5. WE BELIEVE KEUKY LIM STILL INTENDS TO VISIT TOKYO LATER IN THE SPRING.
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